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THE MIDNIGHT ASSASSIN, A NIGHTS ADVENTURE

BY FINLEY JOHNSON.

ussassinate him, fled from Abu Bekir's house, he took refuge in a cave on Mount which time his pursuers came to the spot. compete with Minerya.

shall be so, and therefore gentle readers of the lamp. debilitated by two severe attacks of influ-

he wished me a good night, and retired.

door, and looking under the bed, I thought fecting thought. it prudent to take a close survey of the large, rambling, old fashioned apartment to which I had been consigned. "No jutting frieze, buttrice, or coigne of vantage," could I find that might screen a robber. except a recess beside a ponderous wardrobe, which I explored with my candle: of a human head, its face covered with hair. and a closet, with and unscreened window, its eyes glaring upon the bed, and the rebut at such a hight from the ground as to tracted lips revealing teeth firmly clenched preclude entrance in that direction, and to together, as if in the desperation of some lamp consisting in a wick floating in a

tals! Not more than two hours had claps. his purpose must be robbery, instinct sugtwelve months...35 00 ed when I awoke under a sense of intolerable irritation, and starting up and throwing back the clothes, I found that a whole army of little black fleas had been perfor- to peep through the lashes of my unopenming their gymnastic exercise upon my unfortunate body - an annoyance bad ly did they describe their wingless flights, breathed heavily as if in a profound sleep, vellous and sud len a transferance from any where to nowhere. Like the Weird Sisters "they make themselves air into which aerial traveler trunk and all, might easily ry sound of which, however subdued, seemleap over Mount Blane, he could not, how- ed to pierce into the center of my brain. ever jump into invisibility-I almost said Oh! what relief it was to my feelings, into nonenty-for when I looked for my tormentors, lo! they were not! and vet they were so numerous that if they had been aware that in union their is strength, and combined their efforts; I verily be. bed to this stranger, whom I have half a lieved they might have pushed me out of mind to stab for robbing me of my revenge. bed. In a hope that my sudden uprising. No use - no use - unless he awakes and the light of the lamp, had scared them meantime I will examine his trunk and tinguish every breath drawn by the assas- fellow. from their fell purpose of compelling me to see what I can pick up." do penance in a white sheet, I recommitted myself to the bed and endeavored to resum those volatile assailants.

Like the sentimental hero of many novels, I had "retired to rest but not to sleep." CHAPTER 1.-My readers are perfect. Morpheus would not recognize a ten minly aware that when Mahomet, in order to ute doze at any legitimate exercise of his avoid the the Korish who had conspired to influence, and fit the end of that respite. I was again awakened by an attack, which added insult to insult, for it was a fierce Thor, to the south east of Mecca, where assault upon my nose, universally ache lay concealed for three days, during knowledged to be the former seat of honor. Equally provoked by the sharpness and but observing that a spider had covered the the locality of the bite. I pounced my nail the fell expression of his face to make me the wardrobe and then against the opposite er it was appointed by the evil genius of but observing that a spider had covered the mouth with her web and concluding conmouth with he sequently that no one could have recently off a portion of the skin, unskillfully as to entered, they turned forth in another di- miss the assailant whom I had hoped to throat. Guess my relief of mind, as well head. In this process the flap of his coat raise a smile, for if the swarm of insects rection, and their intended victim saved seize and sacrifice. Haste and anger had as my astonishment, when I saw that he his life. The Count de Lanzuun, while a only aggravated the evil I sought to remeprisoner in the Bastile, solaced himself by dy. I had removed the cover as it were forming an acquaintance with a spider; from the dish, tempting the marauder to a that job, I hoped he would take his booty ed as I heard him enter the closet from be the instrument of the preservation of a Robert Bruce likewise derived a lesson fresh repast, and sharpening his apetite, and leave me to my own company, and in which however, he presently returned, single human being? from the same insect, and every school while I had less defence against his progirl has read the story of Arachne's meta- boscis. Scarcely therefore had I begun to stopped to examine the dressing case, out enorphosis in a spider for presuming to doze, when I felt the painful insertion of of which he had obtained the razor. To I am well aware that the unpopular an- sensitive part of the excoriation, but my ready reconciled, but as the corner of the imalcule whose name I have mentioned in last failure having warned me against pre- case he was now overhauling contained finger and thumb of man and woman kind most gentle, noiseless, winning manner value to a poor poet like myself, I could are raised, has seldom been deemed a fit possible. Vain precaution. The first not resist the impulse of slightly moving subject for presenting to any seciety, ex. slow movement of my arm occasioned him my head, and of fully opening my eyes, cept perhaps, the etomological; but if a to throw an astounding somerset, whence that I might ascertain whether my hidden mere maker of cobwebs can be recorded he descended upon part to the white sheet treasure had escaped discovery, an attempt in history, both real and fabulous, why brightly irradiated by the light; seizing in which I thought there could be no risk, might not the tiny harlequin of our domito- this favorable opportunity I darted upon as his back was still towards me. Unforries leap from the the contemptuous obscu- my prey, grasped with my finger and tunately, however, my change of posture, rity to which he has been condemned and thumb, and ere he could well be aware of slight as it was enabled him to see in the

prepare to feast on the food I set before Revenge is suicidal !-my conscience you. During last winter I had become so was flee bitter, and my self-upbraidings ed up the knife and rushed toward me. assumed a mournful turn. My victim perenza, that I determined to take a journey haps had left an affectionately attached quick as lightning. In a second I dashto the salubrious climate of Texas. I will spouse, the faithful partner of his jumps ed the wick into the oil, and under cover pass over the incident of the trip, and and joys, who, from her hiding place in the merely state that after a long and tedious bed clothes might have seen the impend- opposite side; drawing the clothes over voyage, I was landed in San Antonia, and ing calamity. And this affectionate creame, remaining extended on the floor beand destroying me. Once, twice, thrice, on my way to the nearest hotel!—if the ture I had suddenly made a widow. Fanneath them. Terror now took entire posfour times was repeated, but without effect; old shanty could be so called. The house cy pictured her "like Niobe, all tears," session of me, I trembled like an aspen the match would not kindle, and after I was crowded, and the host out of politeness crawling away, and finally dying of a brogave me up his own room, and when I re- ken heart just as she came within sight of self up for lost. ment he persisted in performing that of- red up by the mere suggestion of the word. fice, and after making a dozen apologies Perchance in some crack or crevice of the the rattling handle and rusty lock, would another in the box."

CHAPTER II.-From the partial unconsciousness of incipient slumber I was awakened by the creaking of the closet door, whence slowly immerged, to my utter amazement and horror, the apparition deadly purpose. For a moment I endeavored to persuade myself that the alarming object was unreal, the coinage of some hideous nightmare; but this hope was gested that my only chance of escape consisted in pretending to be fast asleep. An ed eyes, upon the approaching figure, who, with his dangerous weapon, stole on tipwhen I heard him whisper:

"Hell and fury! this is not Robinson. Curses on him, yet this is the bed room .-Ha-I see how it is, he has given up his

ed than vexed me, since I trusted that the obtaining of this booty would induce him baulked of his purpose, he groped his way to ten years' imprisonment. to decamp from the room as quietly as he had entered it.

So far, however, from affording me this glance toward the bed. My eyes were me, when he stretched forth his hand and by keeping me awake, was commissioned at once closed, but I had seen enough in had laid down the knife and was hastily a cold shudder through my frame, but it Heaven in the third plague of the Egypshaving himself. Having succeeded in led to no discovery, and my heart boundhis blood sucking apparatus into the most the loss of my watch and purse I was albecome the hero of a newspaper story. It his seizure, had plunged him into the oil glass my open eyes intently watching him. a discovery which he had no sooner made than he muttered a fearful threat, snatch-

But the instinct of self preservation is as of total darkness rolled out of bed on the

quested to be shown my sleeping apart- home. Home! what a scene was conju- The assassin was now between me and trated rage and disappointment: the door, and even could I safely reach it, "How infernally unlucky-there is not

derous purpose. No feasible place of malignant joyconcealment occurred to me except the "Ha, skulking rascal! have I got you wardrobe, where by crouching down I dead man." I thought that I might escape detection cup of oil, I retired to bed, and being exhausted with my Journey I soon fell asleep, ly advanced his whole body, and now I lently slipped from the apartment. While my throat-for I had shrunk on one sideperceived that his uplifted right hand held thoughts of this nature were darting became so firmly embedded in the wood of a large Bowie knife. Not doubting that confusedly through my brain, I distin- the wardrobe, that he could not instantly guished his footsteps hurrying round for extricate it. Ere he could succeed in this the purpose as I conjectured, of searching object, the handle of my chamber door was for me amid the clothes, during which in- violently shanken, and a voice cried out: irresistable curiosity, however induced me terval I drew myself noiselessly under the "Halloo, Jones, why the devil have you bed, emerged on the opposite side, regain. locked the door? Open it or I will kick ed my legs, and was stealing on tip-toe to- it down!" wards the recess, when a creaking board Frightened from his fell purpose by the ty that he dashed against a projecting slove, locked and opened, and loudly shouted: and skip not only out of my reach, but out and awaited my fate with an inward per- which suddenly arrested his career. He of sight. Never had I witnessed so mar- turbation of soul completely at variance must have been severely bruised by the In a few minutes I was surrounded by with my pretended tranquility. At this concussion, for he swore with the groan- a dozen men, including the landlord, some fearful crisis, when I could not see what ing bitterness of pain, and ere he had time of them bearing candles, and all more or was passing, the uncertainty of my im- to attend to anything but his own sufferings, less armed, to whom I hastily related what they vanish." It has been computed that pending fate became almost intolerable, I had ensconced myself in my hiding place, had occurred adding that the thief and if an elephant had the same salutory pow- and an hour seemed to pass between eve- cowering down and shrinking into the murderer was still in the closet. Headed

est extremity.

the faculties, it occasionally imparts to them lord exclaimeda supernatural acuteness, and concentration, of which latter predicament I presen- been placed against the open window." ted a painful instance. So morbidly sensin, even at the remotest confines of the Venturing once more to peep from un- room, while my olfactory nerves announced his approach by an odor of tobacco, so I know the officers of police. along the walls, the grating sound of his Gentle reader, my story is done, and explored the recess, striking first against by my good angel to protect me, or wheth-

muttering: "Saw a match box-relight the lampsoon settle his business-good-good!" Now for the first time did I recollect that I had left my travelling lucifer-box on the table, and my terror-my despair may the following pages, and against whom the cipitation, I resolved to arrest him in the bank notes and bills of exchange of great be imaginged when I heard the grating of the match, immediately followed by a flickering glare, which partiall revealed the villain's figure, gleamed on the knife, and threw dim shadows around the room. which my terrified imagination invested with a thousand terrible forms. All that I had previously suffered was trivial in comparison with my present agony, but luckily it was evanescent, for in hurrying towards the lamp, the current of air extinguished the match, and a pitchy dark-

ness again enveloped the room. But the miscreant was not to be thus foiled. Spurting imprecations through his clenched teeth he returned to the table, took out another match, and once mere did I hear the scraping sound that was to furnish him with the means of discovering in the box, he growled in a tone of concen-

for the humble accommodation it afforded, bedstead was domiciled a family of dear "prate of my whereabout," and enable him O gladsome tidings! O hope inspiring little ones rising up to male and female to sweep down upon me, like a starving words! It seemed as if he were predes-Though not naturally timorous or mis- fleahood, the youngest, a darling black- vulture on his prey; the windows from tined to fail in his blood-thirsty design, and giving, I had heard so much in the last eyed lobster tailed baby, whose innocent their hight, only offered me the choice of I flattered myself that he would soon abanfew days of the robberies and outrages lips had never tasted human blood. And a different death, and I recollected with doned it in despair. Fond and vain excommitted by the Indians, after looking the I had made them orphans. Painfully af- deep anguish that there was no fire place pectation! In a minute he had recomin the room, I might have climbed for safe- menced his search with an undiminished tenacity of purpose, if I might judge with Terrified as I was, and trembling vio- the eager rubbing of his hands against the lently all over, I must do myself the justice walls and furniture. Nearer and nearer to record that I was not quite frightened did he approach, until he stood once more out of my wits, for while I heard my infu- opposite my hiding place, again missing riated assailant muttering curses, and me with his exploring hand, but instead of stabbing at the empty bed, my mind, with passing on as before, he thrust his foot ininconceivable rapidity, was conjuring up to the recess, and struck me full on the different possibilities of eluding his mur- body, when he exclaimed in an accent of of two years from and after the passage of this

deep recess already mentioned, beside the at last? you shall tell no tales-you are a

So saying, he aimed a furious blow at

enough in itself, but rendered ten times toe nearer and nearer the bed. The tears betrayed my locality, and my pursuer ut- noise and uproar, the assassin hurried back more provoking by my inability to catch one of detection overpowering every other con- tered a fresh volley of oaths, dasted through to the closet from which he had emerged, of the truculent sleep murderers, so rapid. sideration, I closed my eyes completely, the intense darkness with such impetuosi- when I rushed to the door, which I un-

"Thieves and murder!"

er as the flea in proportion to the bulk, the ry foot-fall as I listened to his steps, eve- smallest possible dimensions at its further- by the landlord, bearing a lighted candle in one hand and a drawn sword in the other, the party advanced to the attack-but CHAPTER 111.-Short and harrowing lo! after a diligent search he was nowhere was the respite thus obtained. If great to be found, and all were wondering how and imminent danger sometimes confound he could have evaporated, when the land-

> "Look, gentlemen, look !- a ladder has "Can we not instantly pursue him," I sitive became my hearing that I could dis- demanded, for I was anxious to catch the

> > "We may save ourselves all trouble," replied the landlord, " he cannot escape us.

alacrity; a procedure which rather pleasherald of a murderous advance. With the which had been found on the thief, informso at the time this act shall take effect. slowness of a man determined not to be ing me that the villain had been sentenced

hand assuring me that he searched care- that God often uses the meanest and most fully in every direction. Nearer and near- unexpected agents for the accomplishment atisfaction, he unlocked my dressing case, er did he approach my lair, my breathless of his ends has ever been my creed. On which I had placed on the table, drew forth consternation deepening with every fall of thinking of the adventure of that night, I certificates or warrants may be assigned, transferred, and located by the warrantses, their assaraor and opened it, and east a sudden his foot, until he stood directly opposite to mentally debated whether the flea, which a razor and opened it, and east a sudden his foot, until he stood directly opposite to mentally debated whether the flea, which that the ruffian had determined to cut my couching posture, his arm passed above my these conjectures there is nothing that need actually swung against my cheek, sending were made auxiliary to the behests of

> A sailor was called upon the stand as a witness. "Well, sir,' said the lawyer, do you

know the plaintiff and defendant?"

'I don't know the drift of them words,' answered the sailor.

What! not know the meaning of plaintiff and defendant!" continued the lawyer; a pretty fellow you, to come here as a witness. Can you tell me where on board the ship it was that this man struck the other one ?"

"Abast the binnacle,' said the sailor. "Abast the binnacle! said the lawver.

what do you mean by that !" 'A pretty fellow you, responded the sailor, to come here as a lawyer, and don't know what abaft the binnacle means."

STANDING UP FOR HIS RIGHSS .- "Has man," asked a prisoner of a magistrate, any right to commit a nuisance? "No. sir, not even the Mayor." I was arrested as a nuisance, and no one has a right to commit me. I move for a nonsuit !"

Lieut. Colonel Brag-"little more grape, Bragg"-is sojourning at New-

Dante, in his lowest hell, has placed those who have betrayed women; and in the lowest deep of the lowest deep those who have betrayed trust.

For pay or omore, instructors, canets, and musicians, ninety thousand one hundred and six dollars.

For commutation of subsistence, two thousand and forty-four dellars.

BY AUTHORITY.

Laws of the United States.

N ACT sillowing the further time of two Years to those holding lands by Entries in the Virginia Military District in Ohio, which were made prior to the first [of] January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to have the same surveyed and patented. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Re

oresentatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental esof January, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-two, been entered within the tract reserved by Virginia, between the Little Miami and Sciota Rivers, for satisfying the legal bounties to her officers and soldiers upon continental es-tablishment, shall be allowed the further time act to make and return their surveys and war-rauts, to the general land-office. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the

act entitled "An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to first January, eighteen hun-dred and fifty-two, to have the same surveyed ame is hereby, repealed.
Approved March 3, 1855.

[Public 207.]
AN ACT in addition to certain Acts granting

Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers
who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States.
Be it enacted by the Serate and House of Representatives of the United States of America

in Congress assembled, That of the surviving commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicisms, and privates, whether of regulars, volunteers, rangers, or militia, who were regu-larly mustered into the service of the United States, and every officer, commissioned and non-commissioned, seaman, ordinary seaman flotilla-man, marine, clerk, and landsman in the navy, in any of the wars in which this country has been engaged since seventeen hundred and ninety, and each of the survivors of the militia or volunteers, or State troops of any State of Territory, called into military service, and regularly mustered therein, and whose services have been paid by the United States, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant from the Department of the Interior for one hundred and sixty acres of land; and where any of those who have so been mustered into service and paid shall have received a certificate or warrant for such quantity of land as will make in the whole, with what he may have hereto fore received, one hundred and sixty acres each such person having served as aforesaid: The person so having been in service shall not receive said land warrant if it shall appear by the muster-rolls of his regiment or corps that he deserted, or was dishonorably discharged from service: Provided, That the benefits of this section shall be held to actual masters and teamsters who may have been em-ployed, under direction of competent authority in time of war in the transportation of military

stores and supplies.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case of the death of any person who, if living, would be entitled to a certificate or warrant as aforesaid under this act, leaving a widow, or if no widow, a minor child or children, such widow, or, if no widow, such minor child or child-ren, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant for the same quantity of land that such deceased person would be entitled to receive under the provisions of this act, if now living my slumbers; but it seemed if my imagination was flea bitten, for it suggested

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nothing but appendix a basic problem with a purise into his pocket with a problem with a purise into his pocket with a problem with a pro nothing but anecdotes bearing reference to he burried into his pocket with a noiseless it now assumed a terrible pungency as the depositing on the table my watch and purse ing her application: And provided, further, nothing but anecdotes bearing reference to

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That in no case shall any such certificate or warrant be issued for any service less than fourteen days. except where the person shall actually have been engaged in battle, and unless the party claiming such certificate or warrant shall establish his or her right thereto by record evi-

provisions of existing laws regulating the as-signment, transter, and location of bounty land Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That no

such as shall at the time be subject to sale at either the minimum or lower graduated prices. Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the registers and receivers of the several land-of-fices shall be severally authorised to charge, and receive for their services, in locating al warrants under the provisions of this act, the same compensation or per centage to which they are entitled by law, for sales of the public lands, for cash, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; the said compensa-tion to be paid by the assignees or holders of

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act, and all the bounty-land laws heretofore passed by Congress, shall be extended to Indians, in the same manner and to

white men.
Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, or their widows or minor children, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act. SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the benefits of this act shall be applied to and embrace those who served as volunteers at the invasion of Plattsburg, in September, eighteen hundred and fourteen; also at the battle of King's Mountain, in the revolutionary war, and the battle of Nickojock, against the confederated savages of the South.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That the confederations of this act shall apply to the char-

provisions of this act shall apply to the chap-lains who served with the army, in the several wars of the country. Sgc. 27. And be it further enacted, That the

served as volunteers at the attack on Lewis town, in Delaware, by the British fleet, in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve-fifteen. Approved arch 3, 1855.

AN ACT making Appropriations for the Sup-port of the Military Academy, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hun-

For pay of officers, instructors, cadets, and

For forage for officers' horses, eight hundre and sixty-four dollars. and sixty-four dollars.

For general repairs and improvements of academic buildings, barracks, mess-rooms, offi-cers' quarters, stables, roads, fences, paradecers' uniscellaneous and incidental and drill grounds, miscellaneous and incidental expenses, fuel, forage, and departments of in-struction, thirty-five thousand and seventy dol-

For gradual increase and expense of library,

For gradual increase and expense of library, one thousand dollars.

For expenses of the board of visitors, four thousand one hundred and sixty dollars.

For forage for artillery and cavalry horses, eight thousand aix hundred and forty dollars.

For replacing dead and worn out cavalry horses, one thousand dollars.

For furnishing hospital for cadets, five hundred dollars.

dred dollars.

For deficiency for expenses of the board of

visitors, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, six hun-dred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty-two

For additional pay allowed to enlisted men employed on extra duty as mechanics and labo-rers, per act of fourth of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight

dollars and forty cents.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That here after the yearly allowance of the Professor of French and Spanish, and of the Professor of Drawing, shall be the same as allowed to other Approved March 3, 1855.

[Public 299.]

AN ACT to amend an Act approved the fourth of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Act to graduate and reduce the Price of the Public Lands to actual Settlers and Cultivators."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Re-resentatives of the United States of America presentatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved fourth August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, "To graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," shall be so construed that the affidavits required by the third section of that act may be made before any officer duly authorised by law to adbefore any officer duly authorised by law to administer oaths, according to such forms, and pursuant to such regulations, as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved March 3, 1855.

AN ACT for carrying into Effect the Conven-tion upon the Subject of Claims between the United States and her Britanic Majesty, of the eighth of February, one thousand eight

hundred and fifty-three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That, pursuant to the convention aforesaid, the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven thousand one hundred and two dollars and sighty such that the convention of the convention of the convention aforesaid, the sum of two hundred and two dollars and sighty such that the convention of the c and seventy-seven thousand one hundred and two dollars and eighty-eight cents, having been awarded by the commission to British subjects, claimants under the convention, that sum shall be paid to the duly authorised agent of her Britante Majesty's government, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; deducting therefrom, pursuant to the sixth article of said convention, on account of the expenses of said commission, such ratable proportion, not exceeding five per cent. of the whole amount awarded to both citizens of the United States and British subjects, as may be sufficient to defray the said expenses.

Approved Maic 1 3, 1855.

[Public 2.] JOINT RESOLUTION to modify or change the original Plan of the Custom-House at New

Resolved by the Senate and House of Repre Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provise attached to the New Orleans custom-house of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, August first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and March third eighteen hundred and fifty-three, be so modified as to allow the substitution of wrought iron beams with light segmental brick arches, instead of the present heavy groined ones in the upper story; and also that, instead of the marble roof contemplated by the original plan, authority be given to substitute such other suitable fire-proof roof as shall be found er suitable fire-proof roof as shall be found best calculated to relieve the walls from super-

fluous weight.
Approved December 19, 1854.

[Public 4.]
A RESOLUTION for the appointment of Regents in the Smitsonian Institution.
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class "other than members of Congress." he filled by the reappointment of the gress," be filled by the reappointment of the late incumbents, viz. Rufus Choste, of Massahusetts, and Gideon Hawley, of New York. Approved December 27, 1854.

[Public 5.]
A RESOLUTION providing for the Engraving, lithographing, and Publishing of Drawings, Maps, Charts, or other Papers for Congress. Resolved by the Senats and House of Representatives of the United States of America in charts, maps, diagrams, views, or other engrav-ings shall be required to illustrate any docu-ment ordered to be printed by either house of Congress, such engravings shall be procured Congress, such engravings shall be procured by the Superintendent of the Public Printing, under the supervision and direction of such committee as the House ordering such printing shall direct

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted. That the paper necessary for the execution of such en-graving shall be obtained in the same manner, and under the same regulations and restrictions, as are now provided by the act of August twen-ty-six, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, for the

obtainment of other printing paper.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all plates which have been engraved for any document ordered by either House of Congress, and nemt ordered by either House of Congress, and now under the charge of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives, shall be placed in charge of the Superintendent of Public Printing.

Approved In Approved January 18, 1855.

[Public 6.]
RESOLUTION relative to the Construction of

A resolution relative to the Construction of the laws for the Allowance of Additional Compensation to the Clerks in the Census-Bureau.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Repre-sentatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Govending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Be it eracted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American In Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same ace hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, he so construes to extend to the clerks employed in the Census Office the same additional compensation granted by the act of April twenty-accord, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Approved February 3, 1854.

A RESOLUTION respecting the Arctic Extion, commanded by Passed Assistant good E. K. Kane.